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Site Code: 0938070003 -- Kendall County  
City/Site Name: Oswego/Saw-Wee-Kee Park  
USEPA ID: 984839159  
File Category: Superfund Technical Reports

Date: March 31, 1993 Time: From: 10:30 a.m.  
To: 12:00 p.m.

Samples Taken: Yes ( ) No (X) Media: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector/Project Manager: Marc Cummings

**TYPE OF SITE:**

NPL - State Lead	( )	Immediate Removal	( )
NPL - Federal Lead	( )	Pre-Notice - Vol.	( )
SRAPL	( )	Pre-Notice - Uncl.	(X)
Deferred SRAPL	( )	Noticed - Vol.	( )
Remediated SRAPL	( )	Other	( )

**GENERAL REMARKS**

The Saw-Wee-Kee Park (Site) is located on the south-side of Oswego in Kendall County along the Fox River (see Attachment 1). Bill Hammell, the Agency's Project Community Relations Coordinator; Lynnette Koutnik of the Pre-Remedial Section, and myself arrived at the Oswegoland Park District (District, Site owner) Prairie Point Center at about 9:55 a.m. Arriving at the same time as the above Agency personnel were Jeff Larson, Hanson Engineers Project Manager, Brett Carney, a Hydrogeologist for Hanson, and Gregg Morris, a Chemical Engineer for Hanson. Mitch Levin, IEPA On-Scene Coordinator-FOS Maywood; Mark Retzlaff, IEPA-FOS Maywood; and Geno Bruni, IEPA-FOS Hydrogeologist arrived around 10:00 a.m.

Attachments:                      Photos (X)  
                                                 Map (X)

cc: Maywood (Region 2) Region

Narrative continued: After greeting Bert Gray, the Park District Manager and John Wyeth, Attorney for the District, we drove in separate vehicles to the Site to meet with local residents and Louise Fabinski of the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to tour the Site. A list of those participating in the Site walk-through is contained in Attachment 2 to this memo. The weather conditions at the time of the walk-through were overcast with the temperature in the upper 40s or low 50s with an intermittent rain. The Site walk-through began at 10:30 a.m. with a brief introduction of everyone present and an explanation of the purpose of the visit. It was made clear that the Agency involvement in the walk-through was not to give any immediate solutions to the problem(s) of the Site or to give a schedule as to when the problem(s) would be solved, instead it was explained that the Agency's presence was to help Hanson Engineers, a Multi-Site Consultant, to become acquainted with the site on which Hanson will prepare a Preliminary Site Characterization to assisting the Agency in determining whether the Site warranted further Agency involvement and expenditures.

The Site walk-through began with the group walking from the area of the a parking lot approximately 400 feet into the Site. We walked toward the north end of the Site along the Fox River on the west side of the Site entrance road. Along this walk various types of trash (glass bottles and cans) and discarded automobile parts (in the river embankment). Some

Narrative continued: citizens pointed out that this part of the Site had also been used as a dump and municipal and industrial was buried as shallow as 20 feet. We came to the edge of the Site property and then crossed the on-site road to begin looking at the an area of the Site known to have been the main area (about 12 acres in size) of past and/or continued dumping (Attachment 3 is a summary of Site history). In this area a large variety of surface trash was observed ranging from beverage cans and bottles, pieces of plastic, vacuum cleaner parts, rusted drums protruding from what appear to be man-made earthen mounds, loose bales of wire fencing, car body parts (fenders, bumpers, doors, etc.), and an unknown quantity of medically related items including an approximately eight (8) inch diameter piece of resin-like material containing used needles and medical vials. The piece of resin-like material containing medical waste was picked up by Louise Fabinski of ATSDR and photographed by Jeff Larson and myself (see attachment 4). A buried drum was observed a drum buried in an earthen mound and covered with pieces of plastic and a piece of plywood. The Agency sampled this drum on April 22, 1992 finding that the liquid had a flashpoint of 95.30 F. An analysis of sample indicated the presence of toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, naphthalene, and 2-methylnaphthalene. This drum is located near a visibly used camping area.

After completing an abbreviated survey of the main dump

Narrative continued: area, as described above, the group returned to their vehicles and drove to the 'bus turn-around parking area' approximately 3/4 of a mile from the north entrance to the Site. During the short drive to the bus turn-around area, we passed an area on the right-hand (east) side of the road which, had been filled in with 'clean fill' (concrete, old railroad ties, etc.) by the District and covered with gravel, which the District proposes to use for horse trailer parking. The purpose in parking where we did was to make it easier to get to the a part of the Site known as 'the Dean Smith property'. The 'Dean Smith' property is owned by the District and is approximately 600 feet south of where we parked our vehicles and contains: a variety of trash including auto body parts, old railroad ties, rusted wire fencing, two (2) abandoned damaged house trailers, and etc. It is noted that this property had been filled in with 'clean fill' near a ditch along the Site road and from walking in this area it feels like it was not properly compacted and may still be settling. Following the survey of this portion of the Site, we went back to our vehicles. The meeting was dismissed after explaining that the Agency intended to make available at a local repository documents regarding the progress of the Agency's involvement with the Site. The walk-through was completed at 12:00 Noon.

# Attachment 1

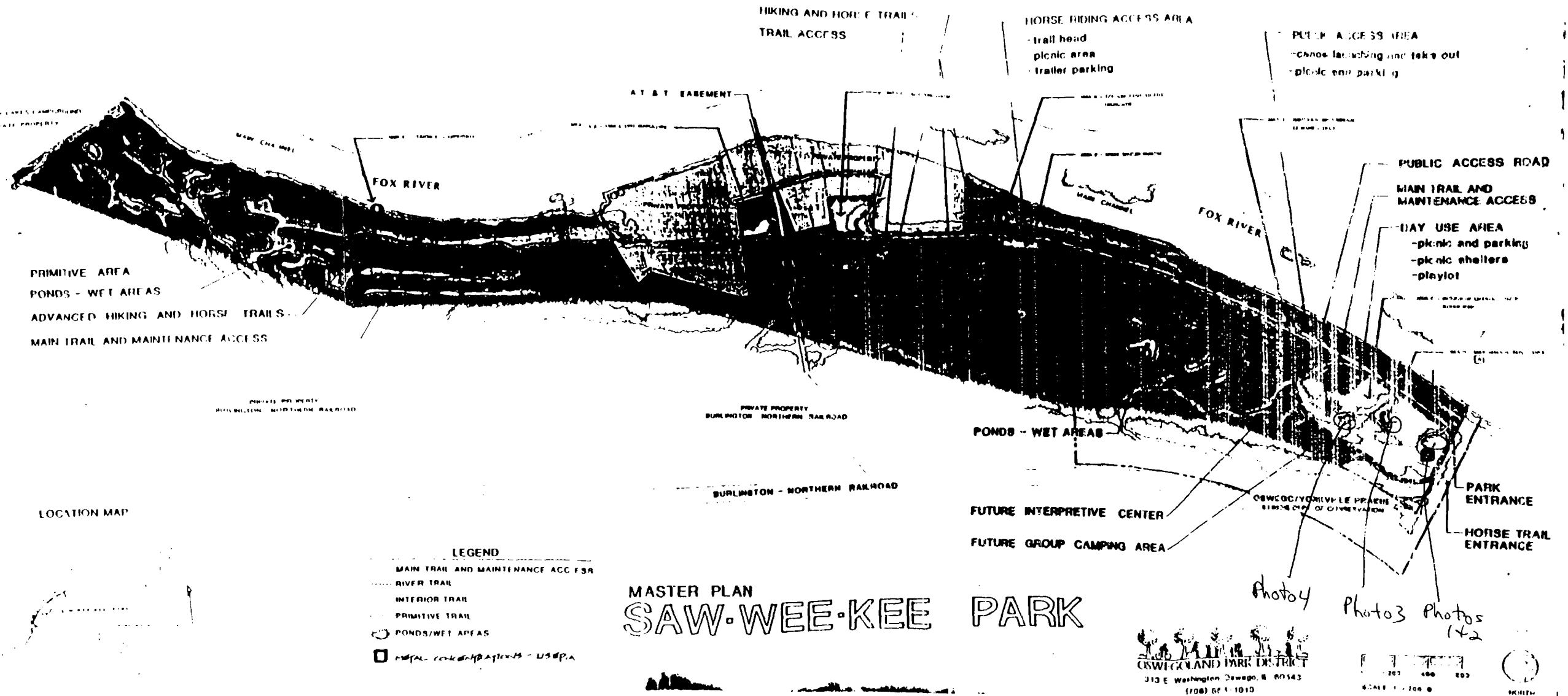


Photo locations are approximate,  
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# Attachment 2

SAW WEE KEE PARK  
Oswegoland Park District  
Kendall County

Site Tour -- March 31, 1993

## **ILLINOIS EPA**

Marc Cummings, Project Manager  
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## **RESIDENTS**

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## **OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT**

Bert Gray  
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## **ATSDR**

Louise Fabinski

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# INSPECTION PHOTOS

DATE: 03/31/93	SITE #: 0938070003 CO.: Kendall
TIME: about 10:45am	SITE NAME: Saw-Wee-Ke
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: Marc Cummings	
COMMENTS: Pictures taken toward: the north in the large dump area. This is a picture of medical waste discovered by Louise Fabinski, ATSDR.	
ROLL #: 1      PHOTO #: 1	


DATE: 03/31/93
TIME: about 10:46am
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: Marc Cummings
COMMENTS: Pictures taken toward: the west. This is a picture of the item in photo #1, but from a different angle.
ROLL #: 1      PHOTO #: 2

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DATE: 03/31/93	SITE #: 0938070003 CO.: Kendall
TIME: about 11:10 am.	SITE NAME: Saw-Wee-kee Park
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: Marc Cummings	
COMMENTS: Pictures taken toward: the east. This is a picture of a former drum burial (storage) area.	
ROLL #: 1 PHOTO #: 3	

DATE: 03/31/93
TIME: about 11:25 am.
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: Marc Cummings
COMMENTS: Pictures taken toward: the southeast. This is a picture of a covered buried drum, sampled by the IEPA in 4/92.
ROLL #: 1 PHOTO #: 4

**FOS**